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EXHIBIT: #VII.C.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: William H. Beardsley, Acting Commissioner\*

DATE: November 10, 2015

SUBJECT: Approval of the Maine State Board of Education and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Partnership Agreement

**BACKGROUND:** Every five years the State Board of Education enters into an agreement with the national accreditation organization that is used by the following educator preparation programs at The University of Maine, University of Southern Maine, and the University of Maine at Farmington.

A new signed partnership agreement is necessitated with CAEP since the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) consolidated under CAEP. CAEP will review the three nationally accredited Maine institutions of higher education starting with the University of Maine at Farmington in 2017.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the State Board of Education approve the Maine State Board of Education and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Partnership Agreement to be valid for the next five years.

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